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MANHATTAN MADNESS:

Va. Romeo Takes Life After Slaying Sweetie

Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 1-11-47

NEW YORK—Funeral services were held last week for Phil Ruffin of Richmond, Va., who took his own life after pumping six bullets into the body of his alleged girl friend, Miss Edna Woodson, during an argument in her apartment at 454 W. 164th St. on Oct. 11.

Investigating police found a Harrington - Richards revolver which Ruffin whipped out after he became enraged, killing Miss Woodson instantly.

Alarmed by the sounds coming from the apartment, neighbors summoned police who rushed Ruffin to Mother Cabrini Hospital where he was placed under guard.

He died an hour-and-a-half after a charge of homicide was lodged against him.

Detective Lewis of the 30th Squad, who conducted the investigation, said jealousy may have been the motive for the murder-suicide incident.

Slaying Suspect Takes Own Life

Montgomery Ala. Advertiser

CHESTER, S. C., Oct. 6—(AP)—A 32-year-old Negro, questioned in the "Lovers Lane" slaying of a white man, blew his head off with a shotgun early today while 200 officers and several hundred citizens assembled nearby, Sheriff William H. Peden reported.

Peden said the Negro, Dave Dunham, a farmer, "undoubtedly" was the assailant who beat to death Clarence Wallis, 22-year-old war veteran, last night.

Wallis was slain while he fought valiantly to permit the escape of his attractive girl friend, Betsy Ross, from a Negro who had accosted them on a secluded road known as "Lover's Lane," Sheriff Peden said.

Peden said the Negro struck Wallis a terrific blow on the head and then dragged the girl from the car by the throat. Wallis recovered sufficiently to grapple with the attacker after shouting to the girl to "run," the sheriff related.

He said Miss Ross was hysterical when she was taken to a hospital but otherwise she was not seriously injured.

About 200 state, county and city officers converged quickly on the scene of the slaying. Peden reported, while several hundred citizens also gathered along the rural road three miles from this north-central South Carolina town.

Sat. 1-11-47
Tue. 10-7-47

Victim Of Gun Shot Wounds

Afro-American

John Benson Cooper, whose body was reportedly found with a bullet wound in the head and a pistol by his side at his home in the 700 block of Chapel street late Saturday afternoon. His death was called suicide by Dr. C. D. J. Macdonald, city coroner.

Cooper Death Called Suicide By Coroner

Journal & Guide Norfolk Va.
Sat. 1-11-47

NORFOLK—John Benson Cooper, whose body was reportedly found upstairs in his home at 735 Chapel street with a bullet wound in the head and a pistol by his side, late Saturday afternoon, Oct. 18, was buried Tuesday, Oct. 21, after funeral rites conducted from Hale's Funeral Chapel.

Sat. 11-1-47

Dr. C. D. J. Macdonald, city coroner, characterized the death as suicide, but said there's no known motive for Mr. Cooper wishing to take his own life. According to his widow, there had been no domestic troubles.

EMPLOYED AT BEACH

The deceased had lived in this city for nearly 12 years. He was born in Windsor, N. C., December 1913, and had been employed at Virginia Beach each summer, concluding his work there for the season about three weeks prior to the fatal incident.

Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. W. O. Carson, pastor of Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

In addition to his widow, Mrs. Willie Cooper whom he married in 1939, Mr. Cooper is survived by a son, a mother-in-law and other relatives. Interment was in Calvary cemetery.

HAROLD CLARK A SUICIDE VICTIM

Weekly Review Birmingham, Ala.

Reports coming to the Review early the affect that Harod Clark, age 55, a resident of Westfield committed suicide after having lost $300 in some sort of game. Sat.

Mrs. Clark, the wife, when interviewed Thursday stated that the act was prompted by despondency, and a long time illness. Mr. Clark was a diabetic.

Attacks Girl Then Himself

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.
Sat. 11-15-47

Wounds Woman Critically in Back

DELIBERATE ACT

Joblessness Also Upset Pacific Vet

BALTIMORE

Spurned love drove John Paul Jones, an ex-GI, to take his own life Wednesday by disemboweling himself with a butcher knife in a manner duplicating almost exactly the suicide method of hara-kiri to which defeated Japanese warlords resorted. 11-15-47

The 22-year-old veteran of Pacific battlefields, where he probably obtained his first knowledge of the manner in which he killed himself, had first tried to slay the young woman who no longer wanted him.

Woman Critically Wounded

The victim, Miss Catherine Jackson of 2217 Druid Hill Ave., was being prepared for discharge from Provident Hospital Friday. In the meanwhile the members of the Jones family crowded into a small five-room house at 111 Brewer St., planned funeral arrangements for the veteran who took his life with his own hands.

John P. Jones

John Paul, the second oldest of 10 Jones children, was born in Baltimore. 11-15-47

Three years ago, he enlisted in the Army and for two years he soldiered in the States and the disease-infested jungles of the Pacific, being honorably discharged last February.

Couldn't Find Employment

Unable to find suitable employment, he joined the 52-20 Club (unemployment compensation of $20 per week for 52 weeks) and augmented these funds with odd jobs.

Couldn't Find Employment

One of these jobs was cleaning up and doing handy work in a grocery store a few yards from his home.

About six months ago he met Miss Jackson, a domestic worker, who during the 12 months she has been here from Richmond, has lived with a sister, Elsie.

After a time the relationship of the former veteran and Virginia lass began floundering and a separation loomed, much to John Paul's dislike.

Jilter Tells Story

From her cot in the hospital, Miss Jackson, breathing heavily and talking in spurts and in a low tone, told the story:

She decided they (the couple) could "no longer make it" and felt they had better part. On Tuesday evening she and a friend visited the Strand Bowling Alley, a usual custom.

While there, John Paul came up and showed his resentment to her talking with other friends. He tugged at her arm and then slapped her, witnesses said, before she left him and went home.

Hides Butcher Knife

Shortly after 9 o'clock the next morning, as Miss Jackson and her sister prepared to leave for their jobs, John Paul visited their home.

Under his clothing he hid a long, slightly jagged butcher knife. It was identified as the property of the grocer for whom John Paul worked; but the grocer had not missed it.

Man Shoots Woman, Then Kills Self

Houston Tex. Chron. Sat. 11-22-47

BEAUMONT — The citizens in the vicinity of Franklin and Trinity streets were thrown into excitement Thursday at 3:10 p. m. when the sound of shots from the pistol of Ollie Bean Watts were heard. Watts whose resident was given as 1995½ Irving street was riding in a cab, also in the same cab was Mrs. Lillian Sumlin 1066 Isla street. They got in the cab at Park and Emmett streets, Watts told the driver to stop at Service Foundry where he was employed as they approched it that he wanted to get a package there.

Houston Texas

Watts, after going in the foundry returned walked to the cab told the driver to get out, seeing the pistol in Watts' hand the driver did not hesitate but unloaded at once. After the driver got out Watts shot Mrs. Sumlin who was seated in the rear seat of the cab three times; in the right hand, right side of the mouth and left shoulder with a pistol. Watts then placed the gun to the right side of his head 1½ inches above the ear and fired, he died instantly.

Mrs. Sumlin was carried to Hotel Dieu Hospital in a Fleming Ambulance, her condition was not considered serious by attendants at the hospital. Justice of the Peace E. Bennie Bell held the inquest at the scene of the shooting. Death was caused by a self inflicted wound.

VET TAKES LIFE

Brooklyn, N.Y. World-Telegram

BROOKLYN, N.Y.—James Lee, a World War II veteran, took his life recently by hanging himself in the bathroom of his home.

Suicidal Death Listed By Police

Atlanta, Ga.
Sat. 12-27-47

A suicidal death was listed Friday morning when city police reported that Martin Reeves Sr., 46, of 336 Fort St., N. E. was instantly killed from a shotgun wound in the neck which was inflicted at his residence.

Friday morning for Hospital Thursday night and treatment of his ills and following his return home Friday morning, entered his room and shortly thereafter the fatal charge was heard.

Other than his daughter, the deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Reeves and a son, Martin Reeves Jr.

His daughter, Miss Ruth Reeves, is reported to have told officers that when she heard the report of

Detective Jimmy Helms stated that the deceased was apparently

DERANGED VET SLAYS SISTER AND HIMSELF

St. Louis Argus

RELEASED FROM SANITARIUM

11-7-47

Harold Finley, 26 years old, of 4301a Delmar boulevard, a World War II veteran, who was released from thhe Danville, Ill., Army Sanitarium, December 1946, shot and killed his youngest sister, Mrs. Phillis Anderson, of 3741 Cook avenue, and then took his life, Wednesday morning. The scene of the tragedy was the Lincoln Cleaners, at 3350 Laclede avenue, where Mrs. Anderson was employed.

Finley was a mental patient from the war in Germany and suffered spells of nervous disorders. St. Louis Argus

Theodore Shamalia, of 2552 Natile avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, who was in the shop at the time of the shooting, told police that Finley came in and told his sister that he had a present for her. At that time he saw a gun in his right hand and Mrs. Anderson started running to the back door. Finley then fired one shot at her and she turned and started for the front door. Shamalia stated that he ran out of the shop to the tavern next door and called the police, when he returned, he found Mrs. Anderson lying on the floor. 741

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The brother and sister are survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Redding of 3524 N. Market street and Mrs. Nellie Spears. Mrs. Anderson was married to Floyd Anderson, of 3741 Cook avenue.

PHILLIS ANDERSON

Slays Sister, Takes Own Life

Defender, Chicago, Ill.

Sat. 11-22-47

ST. LOUIS— The lingering cruelties of war were brought to light here last week when a 26-year-old veteran shot and killed his youngest sister and then took his own life in a cleaning establishment at 3350 Laclede ave.

Harold Finley, released from the Danville, Ill. Army Sanitarium Dec. 1946, fired five shots into Mrs. Phillis Anderson of 3741 Cook ave., as she pleaded for her life in the rear of the shop where she was employed.

Finley suffered from a nervous condition presumably agitated by his overseas service.

Sat. 11-22-47

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Wife Takes Own Life After Mate Dies Of Wounds

Journal + Guide

Norfolk, Va.

Sat. 8-2-47

Couple Married Only A Year, Court Records Show

Special to Journal and Guide

ROCKY MOUNT, Va. — Double funeral services were held here at Bethel AME Church Sunday for Mrs. Eva Virginia Lee, 22, and her husband, 25-year-old Richard Harold Lee, a war veteran.

Mr. Lee is alleged by investigating officers to have been shot by his wife at their home during a family quarrel. He died a few hours later in Burrel Memorial Hospital, Roanoke.

After learning of her husband's death, Mrs. Lee according to the police, took her life by hanging herself with a sheet in her jail cell here, where she was being held. According to police reports, Mrs. Lee stated that the shooting was accidental. Her statement is said to have been corroborated by her husband before his death. 8-2-47

The double ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Tyle, an Ethiopian, pastor of the church, assisted by the Revs. M H. Hopkins, H. G. Helm, and S. R. Johnson Jr. Sat. 8-2-47

Arrangements were in charge of Snead's Funeral Home. Burial was held here in the Rocky Mount Cemetery. The couple, married about a year, was childless.

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Negro Slays Himself After Double Murder At Southside House

The News
Birmingham, Ala.

Two Negro women were killed this morning at their Southside residence by a Negro man who then turned his pistol on himself, inflicting fatal injuries, Coroner Joe L. Hilderbrand reported.

Dead were Annie Bell Williams, 17, and her sister, Bertha Saulbery, 25, both of 1501 Third Avenue, South, and Gloss McKinney, 44, 2007 25th Avenue, North.

Detectives C. L. Pierce and M. O. Thorn said that McKinney came over to the Southside residence at 6:30 a.m. today and when the Saulbery woman answered the door, he shot her once through the head and once through the heart with a P-38 pistol.

The News

Detectives said Annie Bell got out of bed and McKinney shot her three times in the body. She fell back on the bed. The officers said McKinney then shot himself once in the head. He was taken to Hillman Hospital, where he died shortly afterwards. Mon. 2-10-47

The coroner returned a finding of double murder and suicide.

Officers said no motive was established. Birmingham, Ala.

Wouldn't Part

Japanese Woman, GI End Lives

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 3-15-47

TOKYO — Death dramatically sounded "taps" to an interracial romance here Friday when an American Negro soldier and an attractive Japanese woman ended their lives by taking poison in a tiny roadside Shinto shrine, rather than face an impending separation.

The veteran, whose name was withheld, wore five overseas stripes for thirty months of service in Europe and the Pacific, and Chioko Kayama, the 30-year-old woman, were found lying beside each other by a schoolboy.

"I am being put out of the Army," a note left by the soldier said. "I don't like it. That is why I am dying." Sat. 3-15-47

Notes found in the woman's pocket indicated that the couple had been contemplating suicide for several months.

ENDED DOMESTIC TROUBLE:

Jail Suicide Worried Over Marital Affairs

Afro American
Baltimore, Md.

WASHINGTON

Marital difficulties are believed by persons familiar with the case to have been among the factors that caused Joseph A. Brown, 31, to hang himself in District jail last week.

Brown, awaiting trial on a charge of first-degree murder in slaying of a white florist in a holdup attempt, had been married about five years.

He had been estranged from his wife since the latter part of 1946, however. Sat 5-10-47

The fact that he could not provide a proper home for his wife and their two children, said to have caused the separation, is believed to have weighed heavily upon his mind and accounted for some of his erratic actions.

Regarded as Irresponsible

There weer hopes of a reconciliation between the two, and the opinion is advanced that Brown may have sought funds through robbery although before the law he is still innocent of the holdup murder.

In the opinion of Wesley S. Williams, attorney, who conferred with Brown in District Court cell block on Tuesday before he died by hanging himself with a sheet, the prisoner was definitely unbalanced and not responsible for his act or acts."

Mr. Williams said Brown made two unsuccessful and one successful attempts to kill himself. Previously he had tried to hang himself with a necktie, but it broke. The route out via the aspirin method also failed, but the sheet held, he declared.

Afro American

U.S. Marshals Warned

The attorney placed responsibility for the death upon jail officials, who, he charged, did not maintain close enough supervision over the prisoner and had made hima library assistant.

Mr. Williams said he told U.S. marshals after his talk on Tuesday that Brown would bear close watching, but their power does not extend through the District jail.

The dead man is survived by his parents, in addition to a wife and two children. Sat. 3-16-47

Mr. Williams said the parents retained and paid him. A certificate of suicide was issued in the case, and no further investigation is proposed, the lawyer stated.

Virginia Socialite Ends Own Life

The Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Sat. 10-25-47

NORFOLK, Va.—John B. Cooper, prominent socialite, shot and killed himself Saturday afternoon at his home, 735 Chapel Street, while his wife, Willie Wilson Cooper, former teacher, was shopping downtown, police said. Sat. 10-25-47

No motive for the "suicide" has yet been given. Mrs. Cooper is the daughter of Capt. and Mrs. George Wilson.

YOUTH SAID TO BE DOPED KILLS SELF AFTER SHOOTING TWO SISTERS IN STREET BRAWL

The Plaindealer
Kansas City, Kansas
Fri. 4-18-47

Death stalked Fifth Street Monday night in the form of Leonard Hardin, 21, love-crazed young man, who carried out his threats to the letter in the double shooting of Miss Marie Kelly, 18 year old sweetheart of Hardin and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Heggie; less than an hour later, Hardin turned the gun on himself inflicting mortal wounds. Both women lived at 2025 N. Fourth Street.

According to numerous witnesses, Hardin had been threatening all day to kill Marie and himself. He had been despondent since they "quit" about two weeks ago. He tried on several occasions, to talk things over with her but Marie refused to hear him out. Monday night, when the two young women came out of the theatre, Hardin approached them and attempted to talk to them. He followed them to the Chat Chew Restaurant where an argument ensued. When the girls started home, Hardin followed, produced a .32 caliber snub nose Harrington and Richards, and shot both of them twice and then fled the scene.

The young women ran into the Princess Theatre. Marie cried, "I'm shot, I'm shot" and collapsed in the North aisle. Dorothy remained in the lobby. Marie suffered wounds in the right shoulder, posterior, and right side of the back. Dorothy was shot in the shoulder and right side. They were takein to Douglass Hospital.

Less than an hour later, Hardin re-appeared on Fifth Street and according to Glen Pearson, a witness, he said "I shot them and I hope both die now I'm going to kill myself." Pearson said he told Hardin, "Don't talk like that." They walked north on Fifth Street to 1932 1-2 North Fifth, in front of Congo Club and as a police car drove up, Hardin placed the gun just above his heart and pulled the trigger. He died almost instantly, and was removed to Bailey's Funeral Home.

Patrolmen Homer Gaskins, J. C. White and Alex Barger had been notified of the shooting by other Negroes and were getting out of their patrol car to arrest Hardin when he shot himself.

A note was found in his pocket stating, "I shot Marie because I loved her." Marie Kelly and Dorothy Heggie live at 2025 N. Fourth Street. Leonard Hardin resided at 442 Walker Avenue.

WAR VET LEAPS TO DEATH IN DETROIT RIVER

Michigan Chronicle
Detroit, Michigan
Sat. 3-15-47

Despondent Man Takes Life In Home Of Friend

A 37-year-old war veteran and a 35-year-old man who complained of being ill, took their lives within a few hours of each other Monday afternoon.

Henry Olivas, 26, of 1410 Michigan, told police that he had seen a man jump into the Detroit River at the foot of Woodward ave., at about 4:50 p.m. At 5:55 p.m., police recovered a body from the river. Army discharge papers bore the name of George Albert Leland, 37, of 1037 Benton.

Uses War Souvenir

John R. Scales, of 304 Erskine, shot himself through the chest with a German Luger while seated in an armchair in the home of a friend at 5812 Twenty-fourth, at approximately 3:29 p.m., on March 10. Scales' body was found by Alexander Johnson, 34, of the above address when he returned home.

Johnson told police that Scales visited his home and complained of being ill. Johnson put his friend to bed. Mrs. Johnson later served Scales his breakfast and left him alone in the house.

When Johnson returned Scales was still seated in the chair with the gun lying on the floor at his feet. A spent bullet was found in the arm of the chair.

Police said Scales left two suicide notes both held by the homicide squad.

Man Clubs Wife To Death And Takes Own Life

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.
Sat. 6-14-47

RALEIGH, N.C.—Failing to kill his wife, Audrey, with a shot gun blast, Fall Hill clubbed her to death with the gun and then murdered himself with another shotgun last week.

Coroner I. M. Cheek termed the tragedy "murder and suicide" and stated that an inquest would not be held.

According to Deputy Sheriff Wiley P. Jones, Hill, 27 years old, shot his 24-year-old wife as she was returning from staking out the cow, but did not wound her seriously. Mrs. Hill tried to hide in the house into which she ran after being shot, but her husband found her, and being out of shells, he beat her to death.

Hill found another shotgun and killed himself. The officers have not found a motive for the tragedy. Sat. 6-14-47

Man Kills Woman, Self in Elevator

The Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 5-31-47

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Willie Williams, 46, of a Cul- worked in the building's cafeteria. The shooting occurred near or on the fourth floor bert Street address, fatally wounded Josephine Black- shortly after 7 A. M., police said, after the young man, 27, of Twelfth Avenue, North, and then took his own life Friday in an elevator in the National Life and Accident Insurance Company, here. Both were employed in the building. Williams was a porter, and the woman firmly discouraged Williams' attentions.

The woman was pronounced dead by a company doctor, and Williams died at General Hospital thirty-five minutes after he shot himself. Sat. 5-31-47

Rufus Stewart, the elevator operator, fled from the fourth floor after Williams fired the first shot

JEALOUS MATE COMMITS SUICIDE

The Fla. Tattler

Mrs. Billy Daniels, Pretty Wife Of Nite Club Star, Leaps To Death!

Jacksonville, Fla.

Jaxon's Wife Leaps To Death After Argument

SQUABBLES PRECEDE FATAL JUMP

Sat. 5-31-47

New York, May 17. . . . Mrs. Billy Daniels, beauteous wife of the famous night club singer, committed suicide last Thursday night by leaping from the roof of a 7-story apartment house at 838 West End Avenue.

Before taking the fatal plunge, the 31-year-old mother of three children climbed to the roof by way of the fire escape. Following and pleading with her at the time was her husband, who is currently featured at Small's Paradise.

She had stepped through a window during a quarrel, threatening to jump "the moment you put your hands on me." As Mrs. Daniels climbed upward, police of the W. 100th street learned, Billy begged her to think of their children first, which she apparently did momentarily.

Because Adrian, as friends knew Mrs. Daniels, called each of them by name before jumping and screamed a last goodbye.

Slept Through Suicide

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday morning at the Joseph T. Kennedy Home, Amsterdam Ave., and 108th St. She was later buried in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester County.

The couple's children, a daughter, 6, and two sons, 4 and 2, were asleep when their parents became involved in the argument which led to the tragedy. Neighbors of the Daniels said that they frequently argued in recent years because the Harlem, Broadway and Hollyway night club star was away from home so much.

Detective Noells, of the W. 100th street station, described her as the victim of a nervous ailment and reported that Mrs. Daniels died en route to Harlem Hospital.

Billy, as handsome as his wife was beautiful, has entertained in some of America's top night clubs and his name, from time to time, has been linked with some of the country's leading women movie stars.

Jealous Rumor

One of them, according to Broadway and Harlem columnist rumor, left the scene of her movie-making two years ago and flew East just to spend a week with the talented singer.

Because of this particular star and two others featured in Broadway shows at the time, friends of the Daniels say, Adrian became quite jealous of her husband.

Widower: Night club star Billy Daniels, whose wife, Adrian, killed herself last week by plunging from the roof of a 7-story building where the couple lived with their three children. Mrs. Daniels was white.

Man Kills Self By Hanging From Tall Pine Tree

Sat. 6-21-47

Journal & Guide

Norfolk, Va.

By CHARLES R. FRAZIER
Special to Journal and Guide

KITTRELL, N. C.—Jessie Brame, colored, about 52 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself from a pine tree near his home on the Furguson farm along what is known as the Lynbank road in Kittrell Township, early Saturday, June 14.

USED TWO PLOW LINES

Two plow lines had been tied up in a pine tree about 40 feet from the ground, and wound about the victim's neck.

Obviously the man fell or jumped from the tree after adjusting the ropes. Sat. 6-21-47

DISTRESSED OVER ILLNESS

Brame suffered from high blood pressure and had been depressed for some time over his illness. Several neighbors said he looked "mighty worried" for several days. His wife, Mrs. Jessie Brame said he had visited a physician the day before his death.

LEFT HOME EARLY

Brame, according to his wife, got up about seven o'clock Saturday morning, June 14, milked the cow, brought the milk back to the house, and told her that he was going over to see his brother, George. When he did not return in about an hour, she sent her son, William, to look for him.

FOUND DEAD

William, on going to his uncle's house and being told that his father had not been there, returned by a short cut and found his father dead, hanging from a tree.

Sheriff E. A. Cottrell and acting coroner Fred H. Hight of Henderson, Vance county's seat, were summoned to the scene. Tearfully they were told by Mrs. Brame about her husband's oft-repeated statement to his family: "I'm not going to be with you all long".

The wife and six children survive. Sat. 6-21-47

Grieving Over Death of Mate

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

GI Husband Slain in Italy in 1944

Sat. 6-28-47

NO BODY FOUND

Ordered Cab Driver to Drive Over Bridge

WASHINGTON

Washington's harbor police early yesterday (Thursday), were dragging the river on the Virginia side of Lincoln Memorial Bridge for the body of an unidentified war widow who plunged off the bridge at 2 a.m., Thursday morning.

Apparently despondent over the death of her soldier husband who was killed in Italy in 1944, the young woman reportedly threw herself off the Memorial Bridge after riding to the spot in a taxicab.

The driver of the cab, Alexander L. Payne, of the 600 block Q St., N.W., told police he picked up the neatly dressed young woman at Third and R Sts., N.W., and she ordered him to drive her to "the Lincoln Memorial Bridge."

Said Husband Killed in Italy

En route, Payne told police, he became suspicious and asked her if she intended to commit suicide. She denied this was her intentions but a few minutes later told Payne that her husband had been killed in Italy in 1944 while serving with the 92nd Infantry Division.

Later she commented that she could start life all over again "if I could only find the right man," Payne told police. Sat. 6-28-47

Approximately 75 feet from the Virginia shore of the river, Payne said, she requested him to slow down, jumped from the cab and ran to the edge of bridge and leaped into the river.

In addition to dragging the river for the body, police had solicited the aid of the Missing Persons Bureau in an attempt to establish the woman's identity.

Bob Mills, R. A. Wilson and W. Ware Hall Aided Himself Shortly Be

reported that Hill decided to beat his wife to death with the gun.

He chased her all over the house, raining down blow after blow on her body—indicated by evidence discovered at the scene. There were dents on door facings where the gun struck.

Head Battered

When she had been finally beaten into unconsciousness, Hill, presumably in an uncontrollable rage, literally battered his wife's head to shreds, demolishing the gun butt in the process, according to the deputy.

Hill then found a single barrel gun in the house, which was occupied by Mrs. Hill's stepmother, Mrs. Ida Lockhart, and her husband. The gun already had a shell in it.

Devises Own Death

Walking about 75 yards into a nearby wood, Hill sat down facing a tree, pulled off the shoe and sock from one foot, placed the gun muzzle directly in the center of his throat, and pushed the trigger with a toe.

The gun butt was placed at the base of the tree. A clean hole the size of a 12-gauge shell was blown through Hill's throat.

Mrs. Hill's step-mother witnessed a part of the first assault. She ran for help and three men

Mystery in Landlord's Death in Triple Slaying-Suicide

Afro-American Sat. 5-3-47

Baltimore, Md.

NEW YORK—Police are still seeking the reason for the inclusioop of his landlord with two women in the triple slaying and suicide by Richard King, 45, of 793 Jennings St., Bronx, on Apr 26.

Jealousy was attributed as the cause of the murder of Mrs. Winifred Husbands, 42, who is said to have lived with King, but who had been living recently at 1218 Tinton Ave., Bronx.

She was fatally shot at the Tinton Avenue address, together with her f riend, Leota Headley, 47.

Hunts Up Landlord

Then King rode downtown to 477 Central Park West, where his landlord, Max Buchman, 53, maintained an o:ice. Buchman's son told police his father and King conversed in low tones for several minutes, then stepped into the hallway. Sat. 5-3-47

A shot was heard and Buchman fell dead. King ended his rampage by putting a bullet through his own head. A search of King's persons resulted in a memo that he had paid Buchman $50, and a rambling note which said, "I can no longer do my duties as being without the help and support of my love."

Farmer, 27, Shoots, Batters Wife to Death, Kills Self

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

Stalked Spouse

RALEIGH, N.C.—Fall Hill, 27, ran amok last Thursday morning, with two shotguns, shooting and beating his wife, Mrs. Audrey Hill, 24, to death with one of the weapons, and then taking his life with another. Sat. 6-14-47

Investigating officers said they did not learn the motive for the double tragedy. The Hills were tenants on the farm of George Beaver near Upchurch Station in White Oak Township in Wake county.

Coroner I. M. Cheek said no inquest would be held and labelled the affair as "murder and suicide."

As Mrs. Hill approached the steps of the house, her husband greeted her with two blasts from the shotgun, only one taking effect and wounding her slightly. The deputy said Mrs. Hill turned and sped at top speed to a nearby thicket with her husband in pursuit. Sat. 6-14-47

Believing she had escaped him, shells for the

Finding

Savage Fight In House

struggle followed.

husband

Rufus Stewart, the elevator operator, fled from the fourth floor after Williams fired the first shot

JEALOUS MATE COMMITS SUICIDE

The Fla. Tattler

Mrs. Billy Daniels, Pretty Wife Of Nite Club Star, Leaps To Death!

Jacksonville, Fla.

Jaxon's Wife Leaps To Death After Argument

SQUABBLES PRECEDE FATAL JUMP

Sat. 5-31-47

New York, May 17. . . . Mrs. Billy Daniels, beauteous wife of the famous night club singer, committed suicide last Thursday night by leaping from the roof of a 7-story apartment house at 838 West End Avenue.

Before taking the fatal plunge, the 31-year-old mother of three children climbed to the roof by way of the fire escape. Following and pleading with her at the time was her husband, who is currently featured at Small's Paradise.

She had stepped through a window during a quarrel, threatening to jump "the moment you put your hands on me." As Mrs. Daniels climbed upward, police of the W. 100th street learned, Billy begged her to think of their children first, which she apparently did momentarily.

Because Adrian, as friends knew Mrs. Daniels, called each of them by name before jumping and screamed a last goodbye.

Slept Through Suicide

Funeral services were scheduled for Tuesday morning at the Joseph T. Kennedy Home, Amsterdam Ave., and 108th St. She was later buried in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Westchester County.

The couple's children, a daughter, 6, and two sons, 4 and 2, were asleep when their parents became involved in the argument which led to the tragedy. Neighbors of the Daniels said that they frequently argued in recent years because the Harlem, Broadway and Hollyway night club star was away from home so much.

Detective Noells, of the W. 100th street station, described her as the victim of a nervous ailment and reported that Mrs. Daniels died en route to Harlem Hospital.

Billy, as handsome as his wife was beautiful, has entertained in some of America's top night clubs and his name, from time to time, has been linked with some of the country's leading women movie stars.

Jealous Rumor

One of them, according to Broadway and Harlem columnrumor, left the scene of her movie-making two years ago and flew East just to spend a week with the talented singer.

Because of this particular star and two others featured in Broadway shows at the time, friends of the Daniels say, Adrian became quite jealous of her husband.

Widower: Night club star Billy Daniels, whose wife, Adrian, killed herself last week by plunging from the roof of a 7-story building where the couple lived with their three children. Mrs. Daniels was white.

Man Kills Self By Hanging From Tall Pine Tree

Journal & Guide
Norfolk, Va.

Sat. 6-21-47

By CHARLES R. FRAZIER
Special to Journal and Guide

KITTRELL, N. C.—Jessie Brame, colored, about 52 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself from a pine tree near his home on the Furguson farm along what is known as the Lynbank road in Kittrell Township, early Saturday, June 14.

USED TWO PLOW LINES

Two plow lines had been tied up in a pine tree about 40 feet from the ground, and wound about the victim's neck.

Obviously the man fell or jumped from the tree after adjusting the ropes. Sat. 6-21-47

DISTRESSED OVER ILLNESS

Brame suffered from high blood pressure and had been depressed for some time over his illness. Several neighbors said he looked "mighty worried" for several days. His wife, Mrs. Jessie Brame said he had visited a physician the day before his death.

LEFT HOME EARLY

Brame, according to his wife, got up about seven o'clock Saturday morning, June 14, milked the cow, brought the milk back to the house, and told her that he was going over to see his brother, George. When he did not return in about an hour, she sent her son, William, to look for him.

FOUND DEAD

William, on going to his uncle's house and being told that his father had not been there, returned by a short cut and found his father dead, hanging from a tree.

Sheriff E. A. Cottrell and acting coroner Fred H. Hight of Henderson, Vance county's seat, were summoned to the scene. Tearfully they were told by Mrs. Brame about her husband's oft-repeated statement to his family: "I'm not going to be with you all long".

The wife and six children survive. Sat. 6-21-47

Grieving Over Death of Mate

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

GI Husband Slain in Italy in 1944

Sat. 6-28-47

NO BODY FOUND

Ordered Cab Driver to Drive Over Bridge

WASHINGTON

Washington's harbor police early yesterday (Thursday), were dragging the river on the Virginia side of Lincoln Memorial Bridge for the body of an unidentified war widow who plunged off the bridge at 2 a.m., Thursday morning.

Apparently despondent over the death of her soldier husband who was killed in Italy in 1944, the young woman reportedly threw herself off the Memorial Bridge after riding to the spot in a taxicab.

The driver of the cab, Alexander L. Payne, of the 600 block Q St., N.W., told police he picked up the neatly dressed young woman at Third and R Sts., N.W., and she ordered him to drive her to "the Lincoln Memorial Bridge."

Said Husband Killed in Italy

En route, Payne told police, he became suspicious and asked her if she intended to commit suicide. She denied this was her intentions, but a few minutes later told Payne that her husband had been killed in Italy in 1944 while serving with the 92nd Infantry Division.

Later she commented that she could start life all over again "if I could only find the right man," Payne told police. Sat. 6-28-47

Approximately 75 feet from the Virginia shore of the river, Payne said, she requested him to slow down, jumped from the cab and ran to the edge of bridge and leaped into the river.

In addition to dragging the river for the body, police had solicited the aid of the Missing Persons Bureau in an attempt to establish the woman's identity.

Bob Mills, R. A. Wilson and W. Edwards arrived shortly after Hill killed himself. reported that Hill decided to beat his wife to death with the gun.

He chased her all over the house, raining down blow after blow on her body—indicated by evidence discovered at the scene. There were dents on door facings where the gun struck.

Head Battered

When she had been finally beaten into unconsciousness, Hill, presumably in an uncontrollable rage, literally battered his wife's head to shreds, demolishing the gun butt in the process, according to the deputy.

The gun butt was placed at the base of the tree. A clean hole the size of a 12-gauge shell was blown through Hill's throat.

Mrs. Hill's step-mother witnessed a part of the first assault. She ran for help and three men, nearby wood, Hill sat down facing a tree, pulled off the shoe and sock from one foot, placed the gun muzzle directly in the center of his throat, and pushed the trigger with a toe.

Mystery in Landlord's Death in Triple Slaying-Suicide

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Sat. 5-3-47

NEW YORK—Police are still seeking the reason for the inclusioon of his landlord with two women in the triple slaying and suicide by Richard King, 45, of 793 Jennings St., Bronx, on Apr 26.

Jealousy was attributed as the cause of the murder of Mrs. Winifred Husbands, 42, who is said to have lived with King, but who had been living recently at 1218 Tinton Ave., Bronx.

She was fatally shot at the Tinton Avenue address, together with her friend, Leota Headley, 47.

Hunts Up Landlord

Then King rode downtown to 477 Central Park West, where his landlord, Max Buchman, 53, maintained an office. Buchman's son told police his father and King conversed in low tones for several minutes, then stepped into the hallway. Sat. 5-3-47

A shot was heard and Buchman fell dead. King ended his rampage by putting a bullet through his own head. A search of King's persons resulted in a memo that he had paid Buchman $50, and a rambling note which said, "I can no longer do my duties as being without the help and support of my love."

Farmer, 27, Shoots, Batters Wife to Death, Kills Self

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Stalked Spouse

RALEIGH, N.C.—Fall Hill, 27, ran amok last Thursday morning, with two shotguns, shooting and beating his wife, Mrs. Audrey Hill, 24, to death with one of the weapons, and then taking his life with another. Sat. 6-14-47

Investigating officers said they did not learn the motive for the double tragedy. The Hills were tenants on the farm of George Beaver near Upchurch Station in White Oak Township in Wake county.

Coroner I. M. Cheek said no inquest would be held and labelled the affair as "murder and suicide."

According to Deputy Sheriff Wiley P. Jones, Hill stalked his wife from their home near Apex, to her father's home on the Edwards farm near Upchurch, and laid in wait for her to return after staking out a cow.

As Mrs. Hill approached the steps of the house, her husband greeted her with two blasts from the shotgun, only one taking effect and wounding her slightly. husband fo struggle foll Savage Finding Believing she had escaped him, shells for th

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Hatred of whites spares Negro suicide, says doctor

Los Angeles Calif. Tribune
Sat. 1-18-47

CHICAGO — Full equality for Negroes will boost their suicide rate until it "approximates that of the white population", according to Dr. Helen Vincent McLean, psychoanalyst, in an article, "Why Negroes Don't Commit Suicide" in the Negro Digest.

"Negroes would seem to have far more reason than whites to commit suicide", Dr. McLean wrote. "Yet 35 times more whites take their own lives in the U. S. each year."

Based on Freud's formula, "love plus hate", the psychiatrist described suicide as "murder of the self"; it represents what one would like to do to others.

But the Negro blames his misfortunes on whites. Dr. McLean claims, and seldom feels enough self-guilt to commit suicide.

Sat. 1-18-47

"The Negro hates not himself, but the white race", Dr. McLean asserted, this hatred offering him an easy escape from the thoughts that lead to suicide.

"Whites under the same circumstances commit suicide because they have no one to blame but themselves," the psychiatrist went on. "As the Negro breaks out of the confines of segregation his inner fears and conflicts will increase. He will lose the hate he now feels for whites. Under these conditions, the suicide rate among Negroes will rise until it approximates that among the white population."

Hanging Fatal To Clevelander

Pittsburgh, Pa. Courier
Sat. 7-5-47

CLEVELAND — Samuel Grizzle, 57, well-known businessman, died Sunday at St. Luke Hospital, where he had been confined since Wednesday when he was found hanging by the neck in the basement of his residence, 3284 East 121st Street.

Mr. Grizzle was discovered by his wife, Mettie, at 2:30 Wednesday and was rushed to the hospital, where he was treated for "neck injury."

Mrs. Grizzle said her husband had been in an auto wreck on May 29, and apparently had his nervous system impaired. A partner in the R. F. W. Realty Company, 8307 Cedar Avenue, Mr. Grizzle had been reporting to his office practically every day, despite not having been feeling too well, his wife also stated. Sat. 7-5-47

Only the day before he was found hanging, Mr. Grizzle had gone to the Cleveland Clinic for a complete checup, it was revealed.

Vet, down to last quarter, leaps from Empire State building

Tribune Los Angeles Calif.
Sat 7-26-47

NEW YORK — William Lemmons, 22-year-old Navy veteran, leaped to his death last week from the top of the Empire State building after tossing his wallet containing his Navy discharge and his last quarter to a 12-year-old boy. Lemmons rushed past two plain-clothes men and six uniformed guards to become the 9th person to leap from the top of the building. Six others have jumped from lower floors. Sat-7-26-47

Kills Girl Friend, Ends Own Life

Chicago, Ill. Defender

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — a fourteen-hour-long argument ended fatally here last week when Ordway R. Hall, 41, of 1863 N. 10th st., shot and killed his girl friend, Inez Bolton, of the same address, then killed himself. Sat. 9-13-47

Police reported that Hill and the girl who roomed at the house where he also resided had began an argument the night before the double-killing. At the time the quarrel began they were in a tavern. The difference of opinion lasted all night.

First Negro Suicide In Empire State Jump

Chicago Ill. Chicago Defender

NEW YORK — The first Negro ever to commit suicide by jumping off the Empire State Building took his own life last week. Sat

William Lemmons, 22, a Navy veteran, jumped to his death from the 86th floor. 7-26-47

Tangled Romance Blamed for Deaths

Afro-American Baltimore Md.
Sat. 7-19-47

Ex-GI Had Wife in Baltimore When He Wed D.C. Girl, Police Report

WASHINGTON

A tangled romance is believed by police to have been the death motive of James A Boddie, 27, war veteran of 4617 Benning Rd., S.E., whose body was found floating in the Anacostia River at noon, Sunday

Found in the same river several hours later, was the body of his bride of 11 days, the former Miss Mildred Boatwright, 22, of 462 Benning Rd., S.E.

The District Coroner, on Tuesday, had not made public his findings in the death of the married couple, but had only issued a temporary certificate to permit burial.

Wed in Baltimore

In fact, police did not know that the couple were married until it was discovered by Det. Sgt Richard J. Felber of the Homicide squad. Sat. 7-19-47

Felber said his investigation showed that James A. Boddie and Miss Mildred Boatwright were married in Baltimore, on June 25

At the time of the marriage, Felber said, Boddie already had a wife, Mrs. Mamie Boddie of 1417 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, from whom he was apparently not divorced.

Felber, who was present at the autopsy, said that neither body showed marks of violence, but that both were bloated through the absorption of water.

Harbor police reported their investigation showed that Boddie was last seen walking in the company of the drowned woman Neither victim left notes, police said.

The presence of the veteran's body in the water was revealed to harbor police through an anonymous phone call. Mrs. Boddie, before her corpse was found in the river, had been reported to police as missing from her home on Sunday. Sat 7-19-47

Boddie, described by Felber as an injured war veteran, was employed as a cook on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. Mrs. Boddie, he said, was employed in the laundry at Gallinger Hospital.

Funeral services for Boddie were held Wednesday, with burial in Arlington Cemetery; while services for the bride are to be held Sunday, at her parents' home in Hepzikah, Ga.

The identification of the drowned veteran was established by police through a brother Jessie Boddie of 2607 Benning Rd. N.E.

Mrs. Boddie was reported by police to have been identified by a sister, Mrs. Minnie Williams.

Death Of Couple Ends Three-Way Love Affair

Chicago Defender Chicago Ill.

Death ended a love triangle involving pretty Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 32, her husband, Bennie, and their 20-year-old roomer, Leonard Thomas, last Friday. According to a neighbor, Mrs. Taylor visited her in the afternoon and confessed having a clandestine affair with the youth, saying she was going home to call it off. A few minutes later, the neighbor heard four shots. She went to the Taylor apartment and found Mrs. Taylor with three bullet holes in her head and Thomas with a bullet in his temple. Sat. 9-13-47

Youth, 20, Slays Sweetheart, 32, Takes Own Life

Chicago Defender Chicago, Ill.

Deaths Come As Woman Tries To Call Off Affair

Sat. 9-13-47

A love triangle ended in a double tragedy Friday when a youthful lover shot and killed another man's wife and then took his own life.

A coroner's jury Monday, returned a verdict of murder and suicide in the deaths of Mrs. Margaret Taylor, 32, and Leonard Thomas, 20, both of 5437 Michigan ave. Thomas roomed with the deceased and her husband, Bennie.

Fifth district police said after they responded to a call at 2:18 p.m. Friday they found Mrs. Taylor lying on the floor of her apartment, with three bullet wounds in the head, and Thomas was sitting in a chair with a bullet wound in the temple.

Dies In Hospital

Both were taken to Provident hospital where Mrs. Taylor was pronounced dead upon arrival. Thomas died six hours later.

Mrs. Martha Ford, who lives in an apartment across the hall from the Taylors, stated to police that Mrs. Taylor had called her before the tragedy and said she wanted to break her relations with Thomas. Sat. 9-13-47

But the youthful lover refused to let her go, Mrs. Ford quoted Mrs. Taylor as saying.

Mrs. Ford stated the reluctant Thomas told her he could not stand to see the woman he loved with some one else. About 10 minutes after she left the apartment, Mrs. Ford said she heard several shots.

Going back in the room, she found Mrs. Taylor on the floor and Thomas slumped in a chair.

Girl Shuts Doors & Commits Felo de Se

West African Pilot Lagos

ZARIA.— The Gaskiya Ta Fi Kwabo of May 7 has reported a strange incident which happened in Kauru District of Zaria Province about a girl named Goma who committed suicide by deliberately setting fire to a house in which she herself was enclosed.

The story, according to the report, was that the parents of the girl gave her to a man for whom she declared she had no love.

The girl insistently demanded that she should not be given away but despite her threat to "do something," the parents did as it pleased them. Tues. 5-13-47

Two days after the marriage ceremony, the new bride got up very late in the night while the husband was still with the other wife in another house, drove out the maids that were with her, locked the door against them and set fire to the house.

The fire destroyed all the contents of the house, including the girl herself.

COMMITS SUICIDE

Black Dispatch

TULSA, — Elmer Wright, held for arson of the home of Mrs. Gertrude Meritt, 317 N. Elgin, died Wednesday. 9-20-47

Oklahoma City, Okla.

He had slashed his own throat at the county jail Monday afternoon and was rushed to the St. John hospital where his condition was not considered serious.

Insurance Co. Fights Paying $500 Murder-Suicide Claim

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 1-18-47 Sat.

WASHINGTON — Non-payment of two $250 insurance policies on the life of Fenton Ash, 36, who committed suicide on Sept. 14, last, after killing his wife, Margaret, 34, named beneficiary, was the basis of a suit in Municipal Court, last week.

The action was brought by Mrs. Mabel M. Smith, 607 Callan St., N.E., mother and administratrix of the estate of the slain daughter, against the Capital City Life Insurance Co., Inc., 507 E St., N.W.

According to the complaint, filed by William A. Powell, attorney, the two policies were in good standing at the time of the tragedy, the company, along with a notification of the deaths, but they still refuse to pay. 1-14-47 Sat.

No Irregularity Found

It is stated that the policies and the premium books were given the company, along with a notification of the deaths, but they still refuse to pay. 1-14-47 Sat.

The couple were alone in their

home when the double tragedy took place. Mrs. Mary Graham, 35, of 643 Callan St., N.E., was attracted by two pistol shots on the September morning of the deaths.

Startled, she ran across the street to find her sister and brother-in-law dying of head wounds.

Dr. A. Magruder MacDonald, District coroner, issued a certificate of murder-suicide.

Man, 81, takes life

LOUISVILLE — An 81-year-old man committed suicide here last week by hanging himself. Body of Frank Massie, whom friends said doubtless took his own life in a fit of despondency over ill health, was not found until two days after he killed himself.

Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Irene Thomas; a daughter, Miss Maud Thomas of NYC; two sons, Calvin and Joseph Thomas; and a son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dixon Jr.

Served 23 Years

The Rev. Mr. Thomas, a native of the British West Indies, was retired in 1941 after 23 years service in the Methodist Church.

In 1918, he served at Westminister, Md.; 1919, Williamsport, Md.; 1920, Lusby, Md. 1922, Frostburg, Md.; 1923, West Staunton, Va.; 1926, Woodstock, Va.;

In 1931, he pastored at Shepherdstown, W. Va.; 1933, Charles Town, W. Va.; 1936, Harpers Ferry; 1937, Prince Frederick; 1940, Hamilton, and 1941, retired.

Note to Soldier-Husband Says 'I Don't Know Why

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Youthful Matron Dies Before Being Questioned by Police; Kin Finds Body

PHILADELPHIA

Wracked by pains from a fatal dose of roach poison she had swallowed, a 15-year-old mother lay in bed late Monday night and scribbled a farewell note to her soldier husband, telling him she "didn't know why," she wanted to take her own life.

The girl, Mrs. Frances Hannah of 1817 N. 25th St., collapsed and died in the Women's Homeopathic Hospital before she could be questioned by police. 9-13-47

Found by Cousin

Her cousin, Stanley Harris, said he found her writing the note when he arrived home at about 11 p.m. Mrs. Hannah lived in an apartment in the home of her husband's aunt.

Harris, noting the can of poison on the dresser and the girl's condition, called police and a friend who drove the young mother to the hospital. 9-13-47

Expected Husband

The girl was married over a year ago in Maryland to Sgt. James H. Hannah Jr., who is stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. They have one child, Ronald, who is 10 months old.

Sat.

According to relatives, the soldier was expected to come to Philadelphia later this week to take his family back to Kentucky with him.

They could offer no suicide motive, which bears 2½% vert the bonds, tive, and said she had never previously attempted to take her life.

The girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymo Edmonds, and her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hannah, all live at 6058 Vine St.

week as the motive which prompted Edward King, 50, to fatally wound his wife, Alix, 45, and take his own life in their home at 6221 St. Lawrence ave., last Saturday.

Sat.

A coroner's jury, probing the deaths, returned a verdict of murder and suicide at the inquest in Cook County morgue Monday.

Woodlawn police said that King, who had been "acting strange" for some time, shot his wife in the head and took his own life. Mrs. King, a postal clerk and member of Coppins AME Church, died several hours later in Provident Hospital. Sat. 9-24-47

Jobless Man Kills Wife And Himself

Chicago, Ill.
Chicago Defender

Despondent over his failure to find employment was given this

Body Fished Out of Water by Policemen

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

WAS 64 YEARS OLD

Sat. 10-4-47

Methodist Minister Seen by Witnesses

BALTIMORE

Reported by witnesses to have jumped off a Pratt St pier, the body of the Rev. Theophilus A. Thomas, 64, retired Methodist minister, was fished from the harbor late Wednesday.

His closely knit family jealously guarded information concerning circumstances of his death. Remaining non-commital on the suicide suggestion they admit however that the minister has been ill for about five years. He lived at 829 N. Central Ave. Sat.

Crew Works 20 Minutes

Central district police said that the body was recovered from the harbor after a police boat crew the minister jump off the pier into the water. 10-4-47

Rites Set For Monday

Funeral services, arranged by Robert L. Young, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at the Joseph Locke Funeral Home, with the Rev. A. Hall Whitfield, also retired, officiating.

John White' Owner of North Memphis Cafe' Kills Self

Memphis World
Memphis Tennessee

MR. JOHN WHITE

John White, owner of North Pole Cafe at 446 Beale Avenue and well known on the famed thoroughfare as a successful business man, committed suicide Tuesday night, according to police reports. Mr. White about 50 years old, was found shot through the head in a room at his home. A pistol lay at his side.

Ill health was given as the cause that led Mr. White to sell his business several months ago. His North Memphis Cafe for a number of years prospered but recently he had retired from active business. The deceased leaves his widow, Mrs. Mattie Lee White; a brother, Steve White and a number of distant relatives. 9-26-47

R. S. Lewis Funeral Home has charge of funeral arrangements.

Vet Kills Wife on Job, Then Ends His Own Life

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

Bodies Found Lying 10 Feet Apart in Home Where Woman Worked as Maid

PHILADELPHIA

A war veteran broke into the West Philadelphia home where his wife was employed as a maid, Saturday morning, shot her to death with a .38-calibre revolver and then used the same weapon to take his own life. 9-22-47

Police, who said the couple had not lived together since last February, reported that they have not been able to ascertain the motive behind the tragedy.

The victims, Hugh Alexander, 38, address uncertain, and his wife, Mary, 32, of 1406 N. 23rd St., were found lying about 10 feet apart in a second-floor bedroom of the home of Mrs. Ida Louess at 5336 Locust St.

Dies Almost Instantly

Alexander, an ex-soldier who saw service in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatres of War, died almost instantly from a bullet he fired into his right temple, but his wife was detained in Misericordia Hospital for 45 hours before physicians pronounced her dead.

Detectives said they are still trying to find out where Alexander lived. They said several pawn tickets found on him gave his address as 665 N. 39th St., 1406 N. 23rd St., 3107 N. 16th St., and 1708 N. 20th St. The couple lived at the 20th St. address before separating, police said.

After investigating the shooting, homicide detectives gave this account of it:

Breaks Open Door

Alexander went to the Locust St. address about 10 a.m. Saturday and broke open the front screen door when the occupants of the house appeared slow in responding to his knock.

He barged past Mrs. Louess, who appeared just as he opened the door, and dashed to the second floor, where he expected to find his wife working.

Mrs. Alexander, standing in the hallway, saw the man as he reached the second-floor landing with the gun in his hand, and terrified, ran into a bedroom and closed the door.

Fires Three Shots

Alexander followed her and, stopping at the doorway, fired three shots as she ran towards a closet. Two missed their mark, but the third struck her in the center of the chest when she apparently turned to plead with him.

Excitement was "very high." Peden said as the mob milled about, seeking clues.

Meanwhile, Police Chief M. Cecil Chandler and Lt. John Latimore quietly called at the home of Bunham, who. Chandler said, previously had served a term for murder. As they questioned the Negro about last night's slaying Bunham ran from his house and seized a shotgun.

As the officers prepared to close in, Bunham killed himself instantly with a blast from the weapon, Chandler said.

The chief said he found bloody clothes in Bunham's house and "definite proof" that the Negro was the man who attacked the couple.

Coroner Lewis Miller said he found fingerprints imbedded in the girl's throat but no evidence that Bunham had attempted to rape her. He said he had not set an inquest yet in either death.

Sheriff Peden said "This is the first time we have ever had anything like this in Chester County which has never had a lynching. The crowd was big and tense, but orderly."

The sheriff said tension already was high because of a murder trial scheduled today in which another Negro was accused of slaying a white man.

them on a secluded road known as "Lovers' Lane," Sheriff Peden said. Monday

Peden said the Negro struck Wallace a terrific blow on the head and dragged the girl from the car by the hair. Wallis recovered sufficiently to grapple with the attacker before routing to the girl to "run." Sheriff Peden related.

Miss Ross was hysterical when she was taken to a hospital. Peden said she was not seriously injured. 10-4-47

CHESTER, S. C., Oct. 6—(AP)—A 32-year-old Negro, questioned in the slaying of a white girl friend, Betsy Ross, from a Negro who had accompanied her to the "Lovers lane" scene of the slaying while several

Negro Kills White Man Defending Girl Friend AP

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Atlanta

Fri. 7-18-47

College Student

Memphis, Tenn. World

Kills Herself

ATIANTA, Ga —(SNS)--
A 17-year-old Morris Brown freshman, Miss Georgia Mae Griggs, of 563 Tatnall St., S. W., took her life Tuesday evening over despondency of failing in her studies.

Leaving a death note addressed "Dear Relatives," the discouraged youth snuffed out her life by firing a .45 caliber slug through her chest.

The death note testified that she felt deep despondency for having failed in several studies and was inscribed, "I just can't go on'."

The body was discovered by the young girl's uncle, Lamar Beavers, who entered their resident around 6:30 p. m. and found her body sprawled on the floor of a bedroom with a bullet wound in the center of her chest, and the .45 revolver on the floor by her feet. On a vanity nearby were found copies of Morris Brown College and Turner's Theological handbooks. Inside one of the books was found the death note which was signed and identified by her uncle as her handwriting. The note was dated July 15.

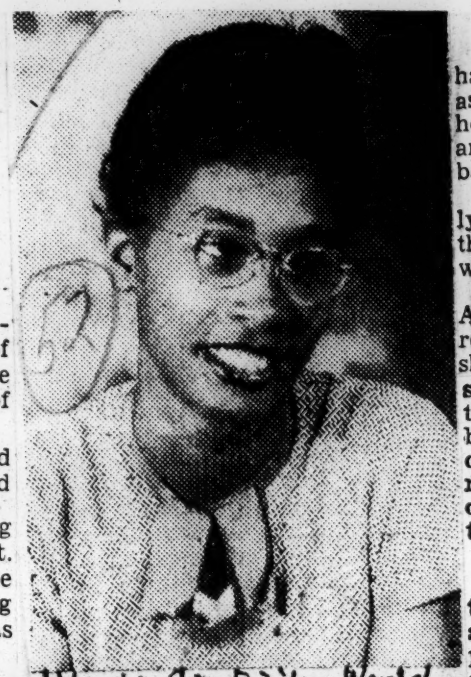
The note mentioned further despondency over another mistake she had apparently made recently. This despondency coupled with failure in her studies made things unbearable for her, the note pointed out.

According to witnesses the disheartened young girl was last seen around 1 or 2 p. m. Fri. 7-18-47

The uncle stated that he had last seen his niece alive that morning around 6:30 a. m. when he left the house. At that time she was asleep, the uncle said. When he returned home in the evening, he found her lifeless body and called police. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officers said that the shot must have been fired at close range for the clothing and flesh showed signs of severe powder burns. The bullet had passed completely through the body, the officers stated, and was found emerging from the back, slightly to the right of the spine.

The suicide weapon said to have been used by the young girl was identified as property of the uncle. The uncle remarked that he thought he had placed the revolver in a secluded spot. Fri. 7-18-47



Atlanta, Ga. Daily World

FUNERAL TODAY—Miss Georgia Mae Griggs, 17-year-old Morris Brown freshman, took her life Tuesday evening at her Tatnall street home. A note apparently written before a .45 calibre bullet was sent into her body indicated despondency over failure in her studies at school. A corner's jury Thursday night ruled the death a suicide.

Miss Griggs will be funeralized at 2 p. m. at Dixie Hills First Baptist Church. Fri. 7-18-47

WIFE WOUNDED,

Michigan Chronicle

IN RECEIVING

Detroit, Michigan

HOSPITAL WARD

Sat. 5-10-47

Fires Pistol As Wife 'Sews Button' On Shirt

The unerring aim of a totally blind man, a seeing-eye dog locked in the backyard, and a detective story thriller entitled "Murder Up My Sleeve," helped form a pattern of one of Detroit's most bizarre tragedies at noon Tuesday.

After firing a .32 calibre bullet into the abdomen of his wife at close range, Louis S. Holmes, 41, of 3333 W. Warren, calmly went upstairs, lay on his bed, placed the revolver in his mouth, and pulled the trigger. He was killed instantly, while his wife, Jean, 31, remains in a critical state at Receiving Hospital.

Blind Two Years

Holmes, who worked at Ford's, had been totally blind two years as the result of an accident. Earlier he had locked his seeing-eye dog and constant companion in the backyard.

The murder mystery thriller was lying in a prominent place near the scene of the shooting, evidently where Holmes placed it previously.

According to Police Sgts. Arthur Anderson and John Carter, who reconstructed the crime, Holmes shot his wife in the parlor, using the ruse of asking her to "sew a button on his shirt." When he made certain of her exact position in relation to himself, he fired without removing the weapon from his tan overcoat pocket.

Found Aid

Mrs. Holmes staggered through the door, down the steps, onto the sidewalk, where Carl Whaley, a fire prevention inspector, gave her assistance, and then called police. Mrs. Holmes was taken to Receiving Hospital immediately.

Mrs. Dolly Farr, who rooms at the house, testified that Holmes threatened to kill his wife about a week previous to the shooting. There had been several arguments and divorce proceedings were supposed to have been filed on April 30. Sat. 5-10-47

Planned Trip

Mrs. Farr said further that Holmes asked to borrow a suitcase from her for an intended trip to Arkansas. Mrs. Holmes objected, she added.

All was calm and serene in the neat little frame house and the first impression received upon entering the home was one of complete peace. There was a book of sheet music on the piano, which had been turned to "Home Sweet Home."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were fond of music and from all appearances, led a happily married life.

There are no children surviving. The home was owned by Holmes. Police are trying to locate a brother.

Singer's wife's suicide,

Los Angeles, Calif. Tribune

odd murder stir Harlem

Sat. 5-24-47

NEW YORK—A murder and a suicide provided fresh sensation in Harlem last week First, Mrs. Adrian Daniels, attractive 31-year-old wife of soft-voiced singer Billy Daniels committed suicide in an inexorable leap from a 7-story building.

Then a pair of Puerto Ricans staged a sex orgy in the Hotel Theresa, resulting in death to one and hysteria for the other.

Mrs. Daniels, mother of three, flung herself from the roof of the building in which her family occupied a lower floor apartment. She wore only pajamas and slippers. According to Daniels, who said he was in another part of the house when the cries of his children summoned him, there was no reasonable explanation for the tragedy. The Daniels children are a girl, six, and two sons, four and two.

The two Puerto Ricans, Raphael Encarnacion and Felipe Rodriguez, had occupied a Theresa hotel room all day before the fatal fight in the evening in which Rodriguez was cut to death. Empty liquor bottles were found about the room. They were half naked when police entered. Sat. 5-24-47

Encarnacion, when arrested, babbled, "Felipe . . she is no man She is my lover . . . the only person I love is Felipe . . . why did she go with the other man?"

The two, without baggage, presented themselves at the hotel and told the desk clerk they had just arrived in the U. S., and wanted the room until they could locate their relatives.

Ohio Broker

Afro-American

Hangs Self

Baltimore, Md.

in Basement

Sat 7-5-47

CLEVELAND, Ohio—Ill health indicated by "serious nervous ailments" recently, was held responsible for the death last week of Samuel A. Grizzle, prominent real estate broker, who was found dangling from a rope in the basement of his home.

According to officials of a local hospital, the broker was discovered by his wife, Mrs. Mattie E. Grizzle, who had just returned from a shopping trip to their home at 3284 E. 121st St. in the afternoon.

Found in Cellar

His daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Lee, said her mother received no reply when she called to Mr. Grizzle. Finding the basement door open, she entered the cellar to find him hanging from a clothes line fastened to a water pipe.

The daughter said her mother ran screaming for help, but returned to the basement to cut the rope loose with a bread knife.

Wife Collapses

Mrs. Grizzle was later rushed to St. Luke's Hospital in a critical condition. Sat. 7-5-47

Speculation regarding the extent of the estate is rife but no will had been filed for the deceased in the Probate Court up to last Friday.

Impressive funeral rites were held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, with the Rev. Fr. John C. Davis officiating, and attended by a host of business and professional leaders.

College Girl One

Journal and Bulletin

Of Two Atlanta

Sat. Morning Sun

Suicide Victims

Sat. 7-26-47

By Associated Negro Press

ATLANTA, Ga.—Two persons took their lives here last week.

One was Miss Georgia Mae Griggs, a 17-year-old Morris Brown freshman, who shot herself with a 45-calibre revolver over despondency of failing in her studies, according to investigating police.

Miss Griggs left a death note which said: "I just can't go on."

The body was discovered by the girl's uncle, Lamar Beavers, who found her sprawled on the floor of a bedroom with a bullet wound in the center of her chest. On a vanity nearby were found copies of Morris Brown College and Turner Theological seminary handbooks.

Inside one of the books was found the signed death note. It was identified by her uncle. The note mentioned further despondency over another mistake the girl had apparently made recently.

The other suicide was listed as Mayson White, 22, who shot himself with a 22-calibre rifle after he had slightly cut his estranged wife, apparently leaving her for dead. Sat. 7-26-47

Former Morgan

Afro Am.

Co-ed a Suicide

Baltimore, Md.

WASHINGTON

One-time co-ed at Morgan State College in Baltimore, Miss Evelyn M. Rumbeau, 23, a native of Norristown, N.J., was found dead from gas in her apartment at 2384 Champlain St. here on New Year's Day. Sat. 1-11-47

Three other persons in an apartment two floors above were overcome by the fumes.

They were Mrs. Martha L. Bagby, occupant of the apartment; Mrs. Beatrice Wilburn of Midway Hall and John A. Warren of 330 A St., N.W., who were given first-aid treatment at Freedmen's Hospital.

Miss Rumbeau's body was discovered by Andrew White, janitor of 171-15-111th Ave., Jamaica, N.Y. A 1940 graduate of Battin High of the building. Her head was resting on a pillow and gas was flowing from the burners of a stove in the kitchen.

When Miss Rumbeau registered at Morgan, where she studied only one semester, 1940-41, she gave her guardians' name as Mr. and Mrs. William Rumbeau, uncle and aunt of Elizabeth, N.J., she was working in a Government bureau since having left Morgan.

Sat. 1-11-47

Husband Fails To Kill Wife; Commits Suicide

DALLAS—After trying to kill both Cleo Slade, 15, his wife, and Margaret Mosely, 23, her friend, Alving Slade, 20, of 2625 Cochran street, went to the Allen Street Drug Store where he was employed, and drank 10 bottles of iodine, in addition to one he already had drunk at home, about 4:20 p. m. Sunday, July 27. He died eleven hours later at Parkland hospital.

Infuriated because he was about to lose his wife in divorce proceedings and claiming that another man had come between them, he stabbed his wife seven times or more with a butcher knife, knocked most of her teeth loose and mauled her and Margaret Mosely with an electric iron.

The martial troubles between the couple began, according to witnesses, about a month ago when he discovered a letter which had allegedly been written to her by a boy friend. Upon reading it, he beat his wife as if she had been a child and the more he would read of the letter, the more infuriated he became and the more he would beat her. Insisting that she could not live with a man of this sort, Mrs. Slade began divorce proceedings and movevd to live with one of her friends, Margaret Mosely, on westway, where the two of them are employed.

VERY JOVIAL DAY OF TRAGEDY

Neighbors stated that Slade was very jovial the day of the tragedy. He cleaned up very methodically that day and seemed very happy.

Later in the day he went out to the Westway address where his wife was living and the three of them (Slade, his wife, and Margaret) returned to the Cochran Street address that afternoon. Even then everything seemed to be all right.

USED 13-INCH KNIFE

After what seemed to have been a very slight argument, witnesses say, Slade threw his wife down and, pinning her arms down with his knees, he attempted to thrust a 13-inch butcher knife into her heart. When the knife struck, it hit a bone and broke off about two inches from the hilt.

It was then that Slade cut her in the neck, once on the right side of her face, and three other times in the chest.

A next door neighbor stated that as he tried to keep the wounded Mrs. Slade from bleeding to death pending arrival of the ambulance he noted a cut in her hand about 2 inches long. All in all, Slade cut his wife at least sevevn times.

Somehow Mrs. Slade mustered enough strength to escape the nearly 200-pound Slade and ran to the next door.

Slade, almost insane with fury now, watched his wife running next door but before she could reach the door he ran over, pushed aside all pleas of reasoning and anything in his way, and began to hit Mrs. Slade across the head with an electric iron.

Margaret Mosely, who too was screaming and trying to escape, was also hit on the back of the head with the iron by Slade. Then Slade returned his attention to Mrs. Slade running her through the house, but as she fell in the back. Slade did not attempt to bother her again.

DRINKS FIRST IODINE AT HOME

Slade evidently had planned the murder-suicide plot for neighbors say that as soon as his wife had fallen, Slade ran to his own home took from his pocket a bottle of iodine and drank it.

After waiting for a few seconds, neighbors said, Slade must have gone berserk for he raced down the streets like a madman to the Allen Street Drug Store where he was employed. It was here he drank 10 more bottles of iodine plus one bottle of mercurochrome, approximately 2 bottles for each time he cut his wife.

Witnesses at the drug store attempted to stop Slade but at this point he seemed to possess inhuman strength and as persons tried to stop him, he tossed them aside and continued to drink the iodine.

He finally stopped the men at the drug store as he yelled, "If you don't stay back, I'll dash it on you."

A lady at the drug store, after being dared to use the phone there by Slade went across the street and phoned the police. Proprietors of the drug store, R. A. Lay and C. A. Washington, were not present during the tragedy.

Policemen L. K. Weast and J. B. Munn were the arresting officers.

TRIES ANECDOTE

Seeing the poisoned Slade suffered so much, Officers Weast and Munn tried to give him an anecdote when they found him dying in the alley. But he would not take it. He would merely spit it out.

"She quit me for another man," he told the arresting officers as his body was racked with pain. Enroute to the hospital, Slade wanted to know of Officer Weast, "Do you think Ill live, officer?"

"That will depend a lot on whether you want to live. A man's will to live means a lot in your case," Officer Weast told him.

MAKES LAST REQUEST

Slade made one request of officers Munn and Weast. He told them, "Pray for me for I do not believe I am going to heaven."

At the hospital, attendants worked on Slade trying to pump some of the iodine out of his system and also trying to givve him anecdotes.

By ten o'clock the officers said Slade was unable to talk. He was pronounced dead about 3:05 a. m. Monday.

THREW WIFE'S CLOTHES AWAY

Neighbors said, since the tragedy that they can remember several times Slade indicated that something was being planned but at the time they did not associate it with such a happening.

On one occasion, he had thrown all of Mrs. Slade's clothes in the garbage can. He said that she would not need them any more.

Still later, he asked his neighbor if she wanted to buy some good furniture. He said that he and his wife could not live together any longer and that one of them would have to go. At any rate he told his neighbor that "We do not need the furniture."

Empire State Claims First Race Suicide

NEW YORK — The eighty-sixth floor observation platform of the Empire State Building claimed its first Negro suicide victim Monday when William Lemonds, a 22-year-old Navy veteran of Yonkers, N. Y., jumped to his death.

The veteran's body crashed with terrific impact on the Empire State Club in full view of fifty horrified persons at lunch there.

A split second before Lemonds leaped he handed a wallet and a quarter to a 12-year-old boy sightseer saying, "Here, take these, I won't need them any more."

In the wallet police found Lemond's Navy discharge and some help wanted ad clippings indicating that the suicide had been searching for a job.

San Diego girl commits suicide

SAN DIEGO — Opposition by her parents to her friendship with a man five years her senior caused Patsy Ruth Strickland, 16, to commit suicide here last week. The girl shot and killed herself in her parents' bedroom.

Patsy, a high school sophomore, had been told by her mother that she could not go out with a young man 21-years-of-age.

Aged Mother Sees Daughter Murdered By Shotgun Blast

HOUSTON—A gigantic 49-year-old man, standing over seven feet high, blasted out the life of his 53-year-old wife with a volley from a single-barreled shotgun early Wednesday morning, and a few minutes later, the huge, enraged husband triggered the same deadly weapon to pump a charge of buckshots into his own head-the load killing him almost instantly.

The victim to the sudden violence of her husband was Mrs. Georgia Rhodes. She was shot to death by her apparently crazed mate, Peter Rhodes, at the couple's home on the outskirts of Houston, near the city farm on the Almeda road.

Holding an inquest of the twin killing, Justice Thomas I. Decker returned the double verdict of murder and suicide.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes died enroute to Jefferson Davis hospital.

Mrs. Evelina Dancy, 73-year-old mother of Mrs. Rhodes, told how she saw her daughter shot down "before her own eyes".

Between sobs, Mrs. Dancy told Deputy Sheriffs Sam Warfield and Vernon Harris that her daughter, Mrs. Rhodes had visited Mrs. Dancy's home late Tuesday night, because Mrs. Rhodes was afraid to stay alone during the Tuesday night threatening weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, who lived at Route 7, Box 685 lived only several hundred yards from Mrs. Dancy.

When Peter Rhodes came home several hours later to discover that his wife was not home, he went to his mother-in-law's home nearby, and asked his wife:

"Why aren't you at home?"

Mrs. Dancy, in reconstructing the tragedy to the deputies, said Mrs. Rhodes replied to her husband:

"I am not at home because I didn't know what time of night you would return home," and added that it was the practice recently for Mr. Rhodes to stay away from home quite frequently.

At this phase, Mrs. Dancy said, Rhodes left and returned shortly with his shotgun. And standing on the porch, the seven-foot husband fired one shot through the screen, the charge aimed for Mrs. Rhodes, but going wild. The volley struck a chair.

Mrs. Dancy almost became the third victim of the tragedy when a splinter flying from the chair struck by Rhodes' first shot, hit Mrs. Dancy in the leg, but after she was rushed to Jefferson Davis hospital they received another call to pick up Mr. Rhodes.

Missing with his first blast, Mrs. Dancy, said her son-in-law, ever calmly reloaded his shotgun and entered the house. He then fired the second volley, this time the charge finding its mark striking Mrs. Rhodes in the neck and shoulder.

She fell to the floor, bleeding, gasping, dying.

An ambulance from Frazier's Funeral home was called to the Frazier parlor. Rhodes after shooting his wife lay nearby, a shot from the barrel.

Like his wife, Mr. Rhodes was dead when the ambulance arrived at the hospital.

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Suicides

Murder-Suicide Ends Marital Unhappiness

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Husband Takes Life After Fatally Wounding Wife in Fit of Jealousy

PHILADELPHIA

A few hours after Mrs. Miriam E. (Betty) Phields, 30, was buried in Steelton, Pa., Saturday, sorrowing relatives and friends watched the body of her husband, Ernest Jr., 36, lowered to its final resting place in a Philadelphia cemetery.

This was the epilogue to the tragic end of the popular young couple's turbulent marriage, beset by in-law trouble and finally wrecked completely by the husband's suspicion of infidelity.

Worried Over 'Rival'

Tortured by rumors of his estranged wife's association with a Harrisburg professional man, Phields, a Philadelphia night club concessionaire, had decided that the only solution to his problem was death.

"It would not be murder, but an execution" of his wife for violating her marriage vows, he wrote in a last letter to his mother, Mrs. Corrie B. Phields, 2233 Federal St. Sat, 7-26 47

Waited for Wife

And so, last Wednesday, he sat in a rented automobile outside the home of his attractive wife's parents at 32 S. 16th St., Harrisburg, and waited until Betty returned in the early morning hours reputedly from a date with the man he looked upon as a serious rival.

Then as she stepped from her car, he jumped out of his. Mrs. Phields screamed, "Mother, Mother." Five shots from a .38-calibre revolver took both lives and left two small children orphans.

Dates Admitted

Harrisburg police said the man suspected by the husband had admitted being out with Mrs. Phields until one o'clock that morning.

He was quoted as stating that they dated quite frequently, and at the end of the evening she would drive home in her car and he would follow in his to see that she arrived safely.

On the night preceding the tragedy, however, Mrs. Phields's friend told police, something was wrong with his car and he was unable to follow the usual routine.

Closed Rites

Final services for Mrs. Phields held at Hooper funeral home in Steelton, were private with only relatives and close friends attending. Among th 15 persons admitted were four of the young matron's friends from Philadelphia.

The Rev. George Hunter, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church officiated at the 20-minute services, assisted by the Rev. J. B Williams. Sat. 7-26-47

200 Mourn Husband

In Philadelphia, more than 200 persons jammed the Royal Weaver funeral home to pay their last respects to Phields. Services were conduced by the Rev. John Logan Sr., rector of St. Simon Episcopal Church, and the Rev. William Harvey, pastor of Penn Memorial Baptist Church.

Members of Phields's family, especially his parents. were under constant supervision of four attendants during the services which lasted 45 minutes. Baltimore, Md,

Pallbearers were: J. Jarrett Jackson, Lloyd O. Booth, W. Harry Barnes Jr., John A. Saunders, Milton H. Washington, and Drs. D. ernard Bradley and Reginald Hawkins.

Separated five times during eight years of marriage, the couple had never lived toiether happily for any long period of time. Phields blamed his wife's parents, particularly her father, James Garett, for thei marital difficulties.

Only recently, Phields told his parents that his wife's affair with the Harrisonburg man was being pushed by her father, an employee in the State capital. Sat 7-26-47

He believed, friends said, that this was the reason she had reneged on a promise to reconcile their differences and had re-opened a divorce suit in Dauphin County charging cruel and barbarous treatment. A master's hearing in the suit was scheduled for next week.

Hated Father-in-Law

In the letter found in his pocket, for his father-in-law. "My only regret," he said, "is that I can not take care of both she (his wife and her father".

While friends of Phields admit he had his faults. they said he was deeply in love with his wife, and always provided well for her and the two children, Betty, 7, and Garrett, 2.

But he was known to be extremely jealous, and his wife accused him of mistreating her.

Agreed to $50 Support

Since their last separation a year ago, he had agreed to pay his wife $50 a week support. But last week, two days before his rendezuous with death, Phields told his mother who made out the weekly checks, "Don't send one this week, I'll tell you why tommorrow". Sat. 7-26-47

That was the last time Mrs. Corrie Phields saw her son. She learned "why" through the letter Phields left, laying bare his reasons for violence.

Shadowed Wife

Phields's took no one's word about his wife's association with the other man. Close friends of his said he had been in Harrisburg shadowing the couple several nights prior to the murder-suicide.

What caused the husband to pick the particular day he did to make a fast trip to Harrisburg will probably never be known.

Dash to Harrisburg

He left the Postal Card restaurant on South St. in sudden haste about 6 p.m. os Tuesday, July 15. It is believed he received a call from Harrisburg about his wife.

Whatever the reason, he dashed down to a rental agency on Market St. and obtained a car, headed for Harrisburg. Early that evening, the car was seen parked in the neighborhood of the Garrett's home.

The car disappeared when his wife left home that evening and it is believed Phields trailed her to her destination. Later, he returned, parked on the same side of the street, a few doors from the Garrett residence and waited.

Wife Hit 3 Times

When Mrs. Phields screamed as she sighted her husband, he opened fire. One bullet lodged in the young woman' neck, a second hit her in the right forearm, and a third grazed her left forearm.

As she fell, Phields apparently fired a fourth shot, which went wild, then sent the fifth bullet crashing into his own brain.

Awakened by the screams and sound of gunfire, Garrett hastily threw on some clothes. On the way from his third-floor bedroom, he told police he knocked on his wife's bedroom door to awaken her.

Together in Death

Phields and his wife were lying two feet apart on the grassy sidewalk outside the house when Garrett and neighbors arrived on the scene.

The gun was beside the husbands' right hand. Both were taken to Harrisburg Hospital where Mrs. Phields was pronounecd dead.

An emergency operation was performed on Phields and for 45 minutes Drs. George Markley and George Bentz worked feverishly to sav his life. He died, however, at 3:45 a.m., about two hours after the shooting. Sat. 7-26-47

Bought Home

When they were living together, Phields paid $2,500 on a house at 6330 Burbage St., Germantown. He had the title changed over to his wife when it appeared that he was going to be drafted.

The age limit was raised, however, and Phields did not go into the service.

The last time they broke up in July, 1946, Mrs. Phields had all the furniture moved to Harrisburg, and changed the locks on the door. She received the rent for two apartments in the house.

Agreed to Reconciliation

Subsequently, however, they decided to go back together again, Phields' parents said, agreeing to set up housekeeping in June when school closed and the oldest child could leave Harrisburg.

Phields made another $2,500 payment on the house and both of them planned renovations. Then Mrs. Phields changed her mind and the husband went into court to obtain title to the house.

Both University Grads

An interviewer at the U.S. Employment Service from 1937 until 1946, Phields resigned to go into business with his father. He attended Lincoln and Temple Universities and the University of Pennsylvania, and was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Mrs. Phields, a graduate of Temple University, worked at the Army Signal Corps in Philadelphia before her marriage.

Teacher Insists Lover a Suicide

Says She Ran From House, Heard Shots

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STILL IN CUSTODY

White Girl Left Home for Man She Loved

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti. — Although she admitted that her love for Sen. Max Hudicourt had cooled, Miss Anita Dlyn, 26-year-old white former New York teacher, denied emphatically last week that she had killed her former married lover.

Senator Hudicourt, head of the Popular Socialist Party, was found shot in his home on May 4, and Miss Dlyn has been held under protective custody since then pending action on a murder charge against her.

The couple met when Hudicourt was operating a small restaurant in Greenwich Village. Miss Dlyn, who said that she was attracted by his strong physique and 250 pounds, left her family when they learned of the affair and lived with the senator for 20 months.

"Begged Me to Return"

Last November, after he had returned to Haiti and become senator, she said, Hudicourt came to New York and begged her to return with him.

Although she realized that it was difficult for an upper-class mulatto Haitian wife to grant her husband a divorce, she went. "I loved him and I didn't care. I knew he loved me," she explained.

Miss Dlyn, who said that she lived "like a princess on $60 a month" after she obtained a job teaching at the American school, said that they broke off relations in March after frequent quarrels, but that he insisted on seeing her twice. Sat. 7-26-47

Tried to Get His Sister

Recounting events which led to the death, she said:

"It was Sunday afternoon, May 4. I sat in his living room with him and became frightened because he said to me, 'You're going to kill me.' He started to read a note he was writing, 'I am taking my life because a woman has spurned me.'

"He didn't mention me by name, but he was referring to me. I rushed out of the house to notify his sister that he planned to kili himself, and no sooner was I outside than I heard two shots. I rushed back and found him on the bed in agony. When the police arrived, he had died."

Later Miss Dlyn was released to another senator who kept her in his home until public protest forced her out. Later she said, "I don't want to leave here until any suspicion I murdered Max is cleared."

Haiti Probe Sui... Of Socialist Sena...

Chicago Defend... Sat. 7-19-47

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Au... of the Popular Socialist party, ... Dlyn, 285 Riverside dr., ... 26-year-... with Hudicourt ... Harry ... admits. ... With the ... of President ... in January, 1945, Hudicourt ... here May 4, and returned to Haiti and organized the ... version is that he com... Miss Dlyn's ... all suspicion that she mur... mitted suicide when she told him ... lover is removed. ... her love for him had decreased. ... Dlyn was at first held in ... with the senator's death, ... restaurant in Greenwich Village, ... dicourt's fellow senators. She left her family to live with ... nely blond teacher, the him in Gotham for 20 months, she ... of Mr. and Mrs. ... Riverside dr., came here ... court in November, 1946. Lescot in ... took place May 4, and ... of Hudicourt ... one of Hudicourt ... try until all sus... dered her lov... Miss Dlyn w... connection with ... but released on ... The comely ... of Senator Max Hudicourt, leader ... the cognizance of ... court's fellow senators. ... of Mr. and Mrs. ... Riverside dr., ... court in November, ... took place ... of Hudicourt ... one of Hudicourt ... try until all ... dered her ... Miss Dlyn ... connection ... but released ... one of Hudicourt ... The comely ... of Senator Max Hudicourt, leader ... PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Au... thorities here are searching for a ... motive in the slaying or suicide ...

left wing Popular Socialists and was elected senator. He begged Miss Dlyn to come to Haiti, she says, and although she knew he was married and divorce difficult under Haitian law and custom, she consented. She obtained a teaching job at the American school here.

She quarreled frequently with Hudicourt and their relationship was broken off in March. Twice more she saw him. On Sunday afternoon, May 4, she was in his apartment and he read to her a part of his suicide note. She fled the house to warn his sister, she says, but was no sooner outside than she heard two shots. "I rushed back and found him in agony. By the time the police came he was dead." Sat. 5-19-47

Miss Dlyn is living at Petionville, six miles from the capital awaiting the government's official indication that the case is closed, that they are satisfied that Hudicourt was a suicide. Sat 7-19-47

Convict Held In Assaults Hangs Himself

BENNETTSVILLE, Sept. 4—(UP) A Negro convict hanged himself at Marlboro county jail here last night, using a rope fashioned from strips of a ripped up mattress cover.

The State

James Wesley McCollum, Jr., 24, had been recaptured after an escape from the Marlboro county chain-gang and Deputy Sheriff W. S. Allen said he had been charged with attacking a Marlboro county white woman asleep at her farm home during his brief period of freedom.

Columbia Record

He had been serving a 15 year sentence for attempted rape of another white woman four years ago.

West Coast Vet Kills Wife, Commits Suicide

Chicago, Ill. Chicago Defender

Sat. 5-24-47

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Jewel Hudson, teacher in the public schools here, was shot to death Sunday by her husband, Robert B. Hudson, at their recently purchased home, 3513 Ninth ave. Hudson then turned the twelve-gauge shotgun upon himself and took his own life.

The murder and suicide were seen here as the result of number of clashes between husband and wife and recent threats of divorce. Hudson, a veteran who spent some time in the South Pacific to end his army career with a fine record, was said to have grown morose over fear of his wife divorcing him.

Flees Her Home Sat. 5-24-47

Saturday, the enraged husband hit Mrs. Hudson and she fled to the home of friends. She returned home Sunday and prepared her husband's breakfast.

Det. Lt. W. E. Huston and C. W. Barber, of University Station, investigating the murder-suicide, reported the shooting wiped out the two lives at approximately 1 p.m. Apparently, according to the officers, Mrs. Hudson was first shot while in the bathroom and when she fled was shot again in the back and stumbled dead in a corner of the kitchen.

Was GI Student

Hudson, who then killed himself in the bedroom, was a tailoring student studying on the GI Bill of Rights. His body was removed first to the county morgue and then to the Angelus Funeral parlors. Sat. 5-24-47

Mrs. Hudson, whose mother lives at Dennison, Tex., was a teacher in the Wadsworth Elementary school here.

According to Atty. Walter L. Gordon Jr., retained by Mrs. Hudson some time ago to obtain a divorce for her, the couple were married at Durant, Okla., in December, 1944, and separated October 12, 1946. After a reconciliation, they had purchased the home in which they were living. Hudson was a native of Hope, Ark.

MR. AND MRS. HUDSON

Full Equality Will Increase Suicides, Says Psychoanalyst

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CHICAGO—Full equality for colored people will lead inevitably to increased suicide among the race, declared Dr. Helen V. McLean, noted psychoanalyst, in an article, "Why Negroes Don't Commit Suicide," appearing in the February issue of Negro Digest.

Pointing out that 35 times more white than colored people take their own lives in the United States each year, Dr. McLean explains that self-murder is the result of a guilt complex which prompts one to do to one's self what he would like to do to others.

Then stating that the colored man hates not himself but the white race, she adds that with the end of segregation he will lose that hatred and his inner fears and conflicts will increase. Under those conditions, Dr. McLean concludes, the suicide rate among colored people will gradually approximate that of the whites.